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In re application of:	Walter A. Zohmann)	
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Serial No.:	10/613,335)	Art Unit
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Filing Date:	July 3, 2003)	
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Title:	FENESTRATED PERIPHERAL NERVE BLOCK)	Conf. No.
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